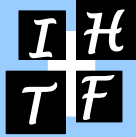


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LIVING LIKE JESUS

1 – To Be Like Christ

1 John 2:6 (ESV)

Whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

We are always told to be like Jesus but do we know what Jesus was like as a person? Jesus lived, died for our sins and was raised from the dead over two thousand years ago. Many people wrote His story and even though they did not live together or collaborate, their stories were so similar they could not have been made up. Also, His disciples, who saw and lived with him day after day for three straight years would not have died for a lie, as all but one were killed for standing by their faith in Him. There must have been something very compelling about Jesus as a person that changed their lives. How can we be imitators of someone we do not know? Let us examine a few qualities of the One who laid His life down for us. For by knowing who He was as a person, we can walk in the same way He walked.

2 – Jesus The Person

Ephesians 5:1-2 (ESV)

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

The more we understand who Jesus was as a person, the more we can emulate Him. Jesus was:

- Loving in His relationships – ask Mary His mother, Martha and her siblings Mary and Lazarus
- Compassionate – ask all those He healed
- Patient – ask His disciples
- Merciful and Forgiving – ask the woman the Jews wanted to stone
- Good and Caring – ask the thousands He fed
- Honest and Truthful – ask Peter and the rest of His disciples
- Prayerful – ask His disciples
- Obedient to God's will – ask His disciples
- Humble – ask those whose feet He washed
- Servant Leader – ask His disciples
- Confident and knowledgeable – ask the Pharisees and Sadducees
- Peaceable – ask the soldiers who crucified Him
- Fierce Defender of the things of God – ask the hawks He threw out of the temple

3 - Take Away

The more we understand who Jesus was as a person, the more we can emulate Him. Then we can be imitators of God, and walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. May we desire to know more about Jesus and live and walk like He did. Amen!